(b) if so, what are the measures taken to prevent it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH): (a) While small number of Chakma refugees continue to enter India from Bangladesh at intervals, in June 1988 a group of 155 refugees entered India.

(b) Government have been maintaining continuous contact with the Bangladesh Government to persuade them to take the necessary steps which would create conditions of peace and security in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh so that the Chakmas do not feel the need to flee their homeland and come to India.

Problems in operation of Bofors gun

311. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated the 29th May, 1988 wherein it has been stated that Bofors guns have developed minor problem in operation;

(b) whether some more guns have been found defective;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) the action contemplated by Government?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Certain minor faults, which had developed in a few Bofors Guns. were rectified by a Technical Team of the supplier stationed in India.

Withdrawal of IPKF from Sri Lanka

312. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM:
SHRI M. VINCENT:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will he Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some units of the IPKF have been withdrawn from Sri Lanka recently;

(b) if so, what was the number of IPKF personnel in Sri Lanka as on the 31st March, 1988;

(c) what are the casualties since the IPKF forces landed in Sri Lanka under the Sri Lanka-India Agreement and

(d) whether any time limit has been set for total withdrawal of IPKF from Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 48,803.

(c) 530 killed and 1,567 wounded as on 25-7-88.

(d) The duration of the IPKF's stay in Sri Lanka has to be seen in the perspective of the implementation of the Indo Sri Lanka Agreement.

Bangladesh move to construct flyover at Tinbigha

313. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Bangladesh proposes to contruct a flyover at Tinbigha linking its enclaves viz. Dahagram and Angrapota, which are in Indian territory, with Bangladesh; and